

'SALUTE TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS' DINNER WILL ATTRACT 300 MONDAY NIGHT

This is the theme of the annual dinner of Torrance Chamber of Commerce which will be held Monday evening in Torrance Civic Auditorium, honoring the subdividers who are adding thousands of homes to the city.

B. O. Miller, president of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and president of W. I. Hollingsworth & Company of Los Angeles, will be speaker at the affair, for which reservations already have exceeded 300, according to Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

President C. T. Rippey, of the Torrance chamber, will preside. Exhibits of various subdividers operating in Torrance will be on display to the public Tuesday and Wednesday, following their presentation at the dinner, and they will depict some 2000 homes under way and proposed for the city.

The Torrance Area Youth Band of 50 pieces will play, and other entertainment will be provided.

This is the third annual Chamber of Commerce dinner, the first being under the theme "Torrance Plans Ahead," the second under "Salute to Industry," and the third "Salute to Community Builders." It was pointed out that while housing needs are the principal topic of discussion of cities throughout the nation, "Torrance is doing something about it."

Exhibitors among the subdividers include:

John J. Kettler, Kettler Knolls; Ben Haggott, Seaside Ranchos; Jack Pine; H. B. Bolis, California-Nevada Properties, Inc.; R. W. Mayer, Seahaven Properties, Inc.; Phillip S. Eisenbroth, Southwest Properties, Inc.; Homer Bale, Torrance Manor; T. A. Johnson, American Land Co.; A. M. Schinn, Select Homes; Newman & Newman, representing J. E. Stinson and the new multiple project proposed west of the Fern avenue district.

Tables for the big banquet have been reserved by:

Kiwanis Club; Kettler Knolls; Torrance-Lomita Realty Board; Torrance Board of Education; Lions Club; Torrance Area Youth Band; Seaside Ranchos; General Petroleum Corp.; California-Nevada Properties; Jack Pine; Seahaven Properties; J. E. Stinson; Weston Ranch; Bank of America; Rotary Club; Torrance Herald; Columbia Steel; Doak Aircraft Co.; American Land Co.; The National Supply Co.; Mayfair Creamery; American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.; Lomita Business Assn.; Bob Haggard, realtor; American Rook Wool; Olson Glass Company; Joshua Hendy Corp.; Standard Oil Co.; International Derrick and Equipment Co.; Pacific Electric Railway; Torrance National Bank; Select Homes, Inc.; Torrance Lumber Co.; Southern California Edison Co.

TORRANCE GIRL INJURED IN LOMITA ACCIDENT  
Cornelia Eve Shoemaker, 16, 1138 Ocean avenue, Torrance, was treated for lacerations Friday following a one-car accident at 262nd street and Narbonne avenue.

She was riding in a sedan driven by Richard Gerard Van Dyle, 16, 1519 W. 214th street, Torrance.

BARTLETT AND ROBERTSON ACCLAIMED IN TORRANCE

As an enthusiastic and appreciative audience acclaimed the artists, Ethel Bartlett and Rao Robertson, world-famous duo-pianists Friday night commended the reception accorded the first presentation of the Torrance Community Concerts Association, Inc., and were high in their praise of the fine auditorium at Torrance High School, where the concert was given.

More than 800 persons, many of them children, applauded vigorously each number, and the reception brought from the artists more encores than they ever have been known to play at one of their recitals on their two pianos.

At a reception given for the artists by the members of the Board of Directors of the Com-

Merchants To Hold Breakfast Meet Each Week

Merchants of Torrance will hold a neighborly get-together breakfast in the Chamber of Commerce offices each Tuesday at 8 a. m., according to Charles V. Jones, newly elected president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

"The idea of holding breakfast meetings instead of the customary 10 a. m. gathering each Tuesday is being inaugurated as a method of encouraging better attendance," Jones said. The breakfast gatherings will adjourn promptly at 9 a. m. that those members who must open their stores at that hour may do so, he explained.

A committee of merchants will contact other retailers in their neighborhoods during the coming week in an effort to get the breakfast meeting off to the good start next Tuesday, Feb. 17, as a number of vital issues are to be discussed, including the final plans for the city-wide "Dollar Days" Feb. 20 and 21, it was announced.

Herbert Irwin Transferred To Redondo High

Herbert Irwin, head of the social science department at Torrance High School and one of the most popular teachers on the staff, left last week to become freshman counselor at Redondo High School.

Mrs. Della Dwight, social science teacher, was appointed head of the department, and Edward Reynolds was added to the staff of the school.

R. J. Casey College Head

Raymond J. Casey, former principal of Torrance High School and well known throughout the area, has been named director of the new Harbor Junior College, it was learned yesterday.

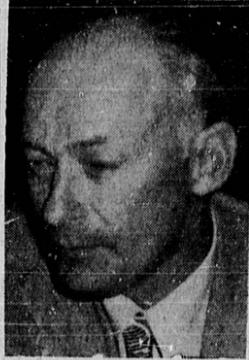
The new college is now under construction near Lomita and it will have an enrollment of from 1200 to 1500 students. It will serve the entire Harbor area of the Los Angeles City School District.

Having formerly served in this area as vice-principal of San Pedro High School and principal of Torrance High, Casey was transferred two years ago to the principalship of Belmont High School in Los Angeles.

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LAST OF HISTORIC WESTON RANCH HOLDINGS SOLD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 1800 HOMES

Sale of the last 406 acres of the historic Weston Ranch—a former Mexican land grant—for development into the largest postwar residential community thus far announced for the Pacific Coast was revealed today by officials of the Weston Investment Co., owners.



BUYS WESTON RANCH... Sande Senness, widely known developer of home tracts, who this week completed a deal for purchase of the balance of the Weston Ranch in Torrance for a tract of some 1800 dwelling units.

The sale price was reported to be approximately \$700,000 for the acreage, which extends 7000 feet along Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance immediately west of Lomita.

K. Sande Senness of Los Angeles, major Southern California operative residential builder, purchased the holdings which have been in the Weston family continuously since 1880.

Announcement of the realty transaction, the second largest in Los Angeles County for residential purposes since V. J. Day, was made by Mrs. Sarah P. Weston of Los Angeles, president; Mrs. Gladys N. Weston, Torrance, vice-president; and Mrs. Dorothea R. Weston, Los Angeles, secretary, of Weston Investment.

In the negotiations, buyer and seller were represented by George S. Denbo, Rolling Hills and Torrance real estate broker, who has figured prominently in the development of Dapplegray Lane, Rolling Hills, and Westfield.

The buyer, who is building "Homes of Tomorrow" communities in Pomona, Riverside, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale and Hawthorne, has not set a date for breaking ground because many engineering and other planning details are yet to be completed.

It was reported, however, that the Weston ranch will be improved by approximately 1400 fine single family dwellings, 400 multiple units, two complete business districts, and a six-acre motel.

The ranch was acquired by Benjamin S. Weston in 1880 from Jotham Bixby, a Long Beach pioneer. Weston and Nathaniel Narbonne, who came west from Salem, Mass., acquired 4000 acres together. After Narbonne's death, the property was divided between Weston and Narbonne's heirs. The town of Lomita is located on land once owned by Mrs. Narbonne.

The land was bequeathed to Mr. and Mrs. Orin Stocker Weston and their late son, Benjamin P. Weston. In 1922, the Weston holdings were incorporated as Weston Investment Co., with headquarters in Torrance.

The property purchased by Senness fronts on Pacific Coast Highway, and is bounded by Madison avenue on the west, Lomita on the east, and Rolling Hills on the south. All of the land is within the Torrance city limits.

During the years, various parcels of the Weston Ranch, which once extended north to Sepulveda Blvd., were sold. The last previous sale was 475 acres, purchased by the government in 1942 for a Fourth Interceptor Command airfield, which is now the Torrance Municipal Airport. The ranch, through the years, was used for farming.

While the home place is included in the big transaction, Mrs. Weston will continue to reside there temporarily, it was announced.

MICHIGAN GUESTS  
Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Clayton are entertaining at their home guests Mrs. F. W. Colegrove and Mrs. C. P. Thomson of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The residents, located at and within 300 feet of Western avenue in Los Angeles, said they considered the proposed change would result in an "immediate improvement of our property valuation along with giving us future definite protection from manufacturing that would be injurious or detrimental to this area."

Signers included Mrs. Jesse J. Barger, Margaret Harwell, Robert W. Ernest, Ethel Bremner, William H. Bremner, Wilfred C. Holwill, Annie Holwill, Sarah M. Hamilton, Laura E. Potter, Mabel L. Wiese, V. W. Wiese, W. B. Estel, Edward H. Coll, and Waneta D. Coll.

BROTHERS' REUNION  
A recent visitor at the home of J. H. Chandler and Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Mearing, of 2211 Andree ave., was Mr. Chandler's brother, W. V. Chandler of Lynn, Mass., whom he had not seen in 35 years. En route home the easterner will visit his son, a chief engineer of jet propelled missiles at Las Cruces, N. M.

Council Asks Vote On Pay Removal, Manager Plan, Anti-Gambling Proposals

Torrance City Council Tuesday night voted to submit to the electors at the April 15 municipal election three amendments to the City Charter as recommended by the Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Committee and the Board of Education. If adopted, they have the following effect:

RESIGNATION OF STANGER IS AVOIDED

After the City Council, acting as the Board of Directors for the several Torrance municipal water districts, voted to adopt the salary and wage classification plan approved for employees of the City of Torrance, William H. Stanger, manager of the water districts, withdrew his resignation which was to have been effective March 9, 1948.

Stanger gave notice of his intention to resign several weeks ago, after members of the council had appeared reluctant to grant wage increases to employees of the district.

However, after the board approved the scale set up by the State Personnel Board for the water department, he said he was satisfied and will continue to operate the three districts. The salary and wage classifications are set forth in an article elsewhere in this edition.

The councilmen, acting as water board members, also asked the City Attorney to appear before the Civil Service Board and clarify the status of water district employees, since there is some question as to whether or not they enjoy civil service protection, since no contract has been entered into between the water districts and the Civil Service Board.

The water board also agreed that, if the attorney consents, purchase of pipe to serve the balance of the new North Torrance district should be authorized and that pipe already contracted for be placed in the general materials yard when received. Any pipe bought now, Stanger said, will be needed by the time the contracts for North Torrance pipe are filled.

Clerks Wage Hearing Due

Charged by San Pedro Business Men, Associated, with unfair labor practices, the Retail Clerks Union Local 905 and Secretary Haskell Tidwell have been summoned formally to a hearing to be held soon under National Labor Relations Board Trial Examiner Eugene Purver. The union is accused of "refusing to conduct genuine collective bargaining" and "attempting to cause the signing of closed shop contracts."

Attorneys representing the merchants in the Harbor area, including those in Torrance, and the union expressed the belief yesterday that a mutual agreement would be reached before the formal hearing scheduled by NLRB.

1. Prohibit the licensing of gambling businesses in the City of Torrance, such as the public poker halls of Gardena.

2. Remove the salaries paid to the members of the City Council of the City of Torrance.

3. Establish separate elections, in accordance with the Education Code, for membership on the Board of Education.

A fourth measure, calling for writing into the Charter of the City Manager form of government, previously had been ordered placed on the April 13 ballot.

On the question of the gambling ordinance and the removal of salaries of City Council members, Councilman C. M. Gilbert voted "no."

Asked if he was in favor of poker halls such as operate in Gardena, Gilbert replied in the negative and dictated the following statement to representatives of the Torrance Herald: "I, personally, do not feel that the Chamber of Commerce, nor any other organization within the City of Torrance should control the City Council. It is my personal opinion that due to the coming April election these two items were submitted to the City Council strictly as a political move by our local Chamber of Commerce."

The other item to which Gilbert referred is the matter of City Council members' salaries of \$50 a month.

The Chamber of Commerce and its special Citizens Committee vigorously backed both matters and when the City Council failed to place the anti-gambling and council salary questions on the ballot of April 13, when requested so to do at the meeting of Jan. 27, notice of intention to circulate initiative petition.

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Rainfall Here .83 Of An Inch; For Season 2.64

Last week's storm that brought rain to Torrance to end a record-breaking drought, dropped less than an inch of water on the adjoining fields, according to the official weather report. The report showed the storm's total rainfall was .83 of an inch.

This brought the total for the season to 2.64 inches, which is far behind last year's season total to date of 8.93 inches.

Temperature recordings for the previous week were as follows:

Feb.	Maximum	Minimum
4	60	36
5	59	35
6	58	42
7	63	34
8	64	33
9	64	37
10	62	44

CITY EMPLOYEES PAY HIKE PROVIDED IN JOB SURVEY APPROVED BY COUNCILMEN

Torrance City Council Tuesday night approved by resolution a revised position classification plan for city employees prepared by the staff of the State Personnel Board which calls for pay adjustments by a new salary ordinance, scales graduating upward in five steps.

The salaries would be placed on prevailing rates for comparable positions in private employment and other government agencies in this area, under the terms of the resolution. The proposal had the approval of the Civil Service Board, and the financial condition of the city was taken into consideration, it was said.

On the recommendation of John H. England and Bruce F. Austin, of the California State Personnel Board, cooperative personnel services division, the Council set up the following procedure for placing the new pay plan in operation:

Each employee whose present rate of pay is less than the minimum of the salary range assigned to his classification shall receive an increase in salary to the minimum of the range.

Each employee whose present rate of pay falls within the range shall receive an increase in salary to the closest higher step of the range assigned to his classification, not to exceed the maximum.

Each employee whose present rate of pay exceeds the maximum of the salary range established for his class shall continue to receive such rate of pay so long as he shall remain in his present position and classification, provided, however, that any new employee appointed to a position in such class shall receive the minimum or other appropriate step in the range.

That increases from the minimum to higher steps in the range, not to exceed the maximum, shall be allowed on the basis of a one step increase on the first of the month following completion of a year of service with satisfactory performance, to be determined on the basis of employees' service ratings in a manner to be prescribed by this Council; increases from the minimum to the second step, and from the second step to the third step or midpoint, to be allowed satisfactory employees on the first of the month following completion of a year of service, and increases beyond the third step to be allowed only for such.

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REVOLUTIONARY OFFSET PRESS MADE IN TORRANCE

One of the world's most modern printing presses, to be used in the new \$6,000,000 home of the Pacific Press, Inc., of Los Angeles, western printers of Time and Life magazines, is being built in Torrance by the Joshua Hendy Corporation, 2750 Lomita boulevard.

The first of two of the new presses is now being completed. The second unit is well under way, according to officials of the company.

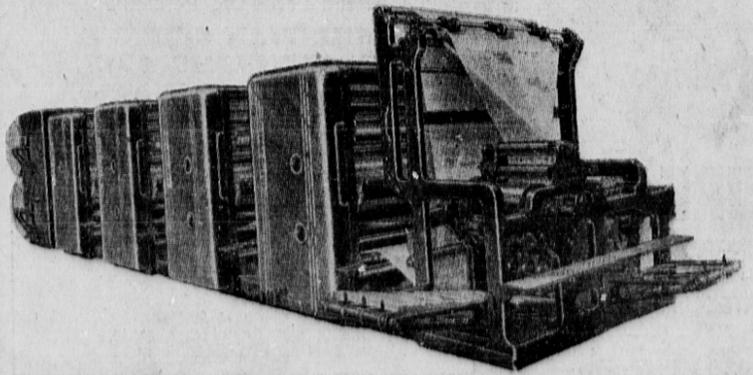
Known as the Duto-Hendy Web Color Offset Press, the new equipment is of an entirely new design and is being built in a plant which turned out the giant engines for thousands of Liberty and Victory ships during World War II.

Highly technical and built to minute specifications, the Duto-Hendy Offset Color Press is attracting the attention of publishers throughout the world, according to company officials. Designed to eliminate long, expensive makeready, the new Duto-Hendy press is completely automatic. Through the use of preregistered plates, color makeready for four-color jobs can be handled in an hour or less, per color unit, it is claimed.

The saving in standing time under that now required by every job on ordinary equipment is so great that the ordinary shop does not choose to face the figures, according to company officials.

The new type of high-speed offset press can print six colors at a time, it was disclosed. Two pioneer units are in the testing stage, Pat Ryan, a company spokesman said, and results of commercial trials in the quality magazine field will determine future employment expansion at the Torrance factory.

Specifically designed to turn out colorful advertisement and story illustrations, the presses also are expected to reduce printing costs, Ryan said. One is a six-color unit, the other a four-color press.



15,000 IMPRESSIONS PER HOUR... is possible with this new Duto-Hendy Web Offset Press, now being manufactured in Torrance by the Joshua Hendy Corporation. The above press is one of two now in construction intended for installation at the Pacific Press, Inc., printers of Time and Life magazines in Los Angeles.

Water Meeting Peaceful As Material Bought

Smoking the pipe of peace at their meeting Monday night, members of the City Council sitting as the Board of Directors of the three Torrance municipal water districts, authorized William Stanger, manager of the water districts, to purchase \$16,903.08 worth of pipe and materials.

Included is 5,000 feet of six inch pipe; 2,000 feet of four inch pipe; 1,000 feet of one inch pipe; 1,000 feet of three-fourths inch pipe; 562 feet of various sizes; 10 hydrants; 150 meters; 32 large valves and similar material.

Stanger said that while Municipal Improvement District No. 1, the central water district, will buy material, it will be sold to Municipal Water Districts Nos. 1 and 2 as used there in new subdivisions and other expansion.

Scooter Drivers Ordered To Wash Police Vehicles

Sentenced by Judge Otto Willett to wash police cars on Saturdays, to refrain from driving their motor scooters for 30 days, and to read parts of the California Vehicle Code, were three youths who were cited by police officers for reckless driving of their motor scooters on Feb. 5 in the 1600 block on Cravens avenue.

Cited by the officers were Bernard Berkowitz, 14 years, 1631 Date ave.; William Curry, 15 years, 2222 Gramercy ave.; and Joseph Abramson, 13 years, 1603 Post ave., who appeared in court Wednesday with their parents. All the parents voiced approval when the judge asked them if they favored the boys being ordered to wash the police cars.